GAYSPEAK

NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

PO BOX 574 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80901 PHONE (303) 471-4429

VOLUME 4, ISSUE 6 JUNE 1982

REMINISCING ON THE BAR SCENE IN THE SPRINGS...

IN A RECENT INTERVIEW JOE & TOMMY OF THE HIDE & SEEK SHARED SOME MEMORIES OF THE GAY BAR SCENE HERE IN THE SPRINGS. SO, AS THE OLD RADIO SHOW SAYS... "RETURN WITH US TO THE DAYS OF YESTERYEAR."

THE TIME IS 1967. THERE ARE NO GAY BARS IN COLORADO SPRINGS. GAYS ARE "TOLERATED" AT THE SILVER LOUNGE(later known as Jinx's). THEN THEY ARE EXCLUDED SUDDENLY.

IN 1968 JOE APPROACHED THE OWNER OF A NON-GAY BAR, THE EXIT 21, ABOUT KEEPING THE BAR OPEN LATER FOR GAY PATRONS. DAY TIME BUSINESS WAS PRIMARILY THE "HAPPY TIME" TYPE FOR WORKERS ON THEIR WAY HOME. JOE WAS ABLE TO KEEP THE BAR OPEN AFTER THE DAY TIME CROWD HAD GONE HOME FOR GAY PATRONS, BUT IT WAS STILL PRIMARILY A NON-GAY WATERING HOLE. IN 1969, HOWEVER, THE EXIT 21 BECAME AN ALL GAY BAR.

IN JANUARY 1972, JOE AND TOMMY PURCHASED THE OLD HIDE & SEEK AT 3 COLORADO AVE.,WHERE THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE BLDG. NOW STANDS. THE OLD H & S WAS ABOUT 1/4 THE SIZE OF THE PRESENT FACILITY WITH A SMALL DANCE FLOOR AND JUKEBOX, AND A FAIRLY LONG BAR. SEATING CAPACITY: AROUND 60-80 PERSONS. URBAN RENEWAL FORCED THEM TO MOVE IN 1975.

THE NEW HIDE & SEEK(formerly the White Way Market)OPENED ITS DOORS IN DEC. OF 1975, THOUGH MUCH SMALLER THAT AT PRESENT...THERE WAS NO DANCE FLOOR OR "MAN STOP" ON THE UPPER LEVEL, NOR PATIO. A MONTH EARLIER THE BOX CAR HAD OPENED ON NORTH NEVADA AVE., BUT IT EXCLUDED WOMEN.

1975 ALSO SAW A CHANGE AT THE EXIT. IT BECAME AN ALL WOMEN'S BAR NAMED SAPPHO'S. IT REMAINED SO UNTIL ABOUT 1977 WHEN IT RETURNED TO MIXED STATUS AND WAS RENAMED THE EXIT.

ANOTHER WOMEN'S BAR WAS OPENED IN THE BROADMARKET SQUARE, BUT IT WAS ONLY MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL AND CLOSED AFTER ABOUT A YEAR. THE BOX CAR CLOSED IN 1979 or 80.

IN 1978 THE HIDE & SEEK ADDED THE DANCE FLOOR AND SOMETIME LATER THE DOWNSTAIRS AREA WHICH HAD BEEN THE BATHS WAS CONVERTED INTO THE "NOW WOMEN."

QUESTION: HOW DO THE BARS IN THE SPRINGS COMPARE IN SIZE WITH THOSE IN DENVER?

THE HIDE & SEEK IS LARGER THAN MOST...DAVID'S PROBABLY BEING ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE H & S. THE H & S CAN HOLD AROUND 700 PEOPLE, UTILIZING ALL AREAS.

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU SEE FOR THE H & S IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

THE HIDE & SEEK AND OTHER GAY BARS HAVE TRIED RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICE WITH LITTLE SUCCESS, SO WE WON'T GO THAT WAY AGAIN UNLESS DEMAND WARRANTS. HOWEVER, WE'D LIKE TO MAKE OUTSIDE ENTRANCES FOR BOTH "NOW WOMEN" AND

"MAN STOP" IF THE CITY WILL ALLOW US TO CLOSE THE ALLEY. ALSO AN OUTSIDE PATIO FOR "NOW WOMEN."
BOTH THE H & S AND THE EXIT HAVE UNDERTAKEN REMODELLING PROGRAMS AS OF LATE...NEW STAGE AREA AT THE H & S; ENCLOSING THE PATIO AT THE EXIT AND ENLARGING THE BAR.
QUESTION: WOULD YOU EVER CONSIDER GOING TO A PRIVATE BAR STATUS?
THERE ARE SOME ADVANTAGES. YOU COULD HAVE GAMBLING ON PREMISES SUCH AS "LAS VEGAS" NIGHTS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT, "PRIVATE" STATUS ISN'T BEING CONSIDERED.
QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT A BAR FOR THE YOUNGER AGE GROUP?
A 3.2 BAR IS AN "IF-Y" PROPOSITION. MOST ARE NOT DOING TOO WELL. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ENOUGH DEMAND FOR IT THE H & S WILL CONSIDER INSTITUTING ONE.
BY THE WAY, THE H & S HAS THE SECOND OLDEST(after the Broadmoor)BAR LICENSE IN THE SPRINGS...THE COLORADO GRILL, ISSUED IN THE 1890s.
QUESTION: WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR CLIENTELE IS NON-GAY?
ABOUT 2%(estimate), USUALLY FRIENDS OF GAYS OUT ON THE TOWN FOR A NIGHT, OR PERSONS WHO LIKE TO DISCO.
QUESTION: HOW DID YOU GET INTO THE BAR BUSINESS?
JOE...I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE BUSINESS WORLD SINCE I WAS 17. TOMMY AND I BOTH WORKED AT THE THREE THIEVES TIL WE PURCHASED THE OLD H & S. MY COLLEGE DEGREE IS IN BUSINESS. BUT, WE PRIMARILY GOT INTO THE BUSINESS BECAUSE THERE WAS A NEED, AND WE FOUND THAT THE GAYS IN THE SPRINGS WERE BEING RIPPED OFF. A COKE COST $1.50 BACK IN 1967 AT THE BARS FREQUENTED BY GAYS!
TOMMY...MY BACKGROUND IS IN THE AREA OF JOURNALISM AND ENGLISH. MY AMBITION WAS NOT TO OWN OR OPERATE A BAR. HOWEVER, TIMES AND PEOPLE CHANGE. I STILL KEEP MY HAND IN THE ARTS BY EDITING COLORADO GAY MAGAZINE. I DON'T GET TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME WORKING ON IT AS I'D LIKE. NEXT ISSUE SHOULD BE OUT THIS FALL IF I CAN GET SOME HELP IN PUTTING IT TOGETHER.

****

Editor's Comment: Thank you both for the interview. And thanks from the gay community in the Springs to both Joe & Tommy of the H & S, and Dan & John of the Exit for providing "gay space" for community members to come out and enjoy themselves.

CENTER SUPPORT GROUPS...

COMING OUT...THIS GROUP MEETS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 7:15pm til 9:00pm. ALTHOUGH PRIMARILY A "MEN'S" GROUP MOST OF THE TIME, IT IS NOT RESTRICTED NOR LIMITED TO PERSONS OF THAT GENDER. CALL BOB MC IN CARE OF THE HELPLINE, 471-4GAY, AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

COUPLES...THIS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ONCE A MONTH, USUALLY ON A WEEKEND, FOR DISCUSSION AND SOCIALIZING. GUEST SPEAKERS ADDRESS THE GROUP FROM TIME TO TIME. CALL THE HELPLINE, 471-4GAY, AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR JOHN T.

SINGLES...THIS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 7:30pm til 9:00pm. MEETINGS ARE USUALLY CENTERED AROUND A TOPIC THAT IS DISCUSSED BY THE PARTICIPANTS. CONTACT THE HELPLINE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR BOB A OR KATHY LYN.

YOUTH...MEETS SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 5:00pm til 7:00pm. PERSONS 16 yrs. to 21 yrs. ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. CALL THE HELPLINE, AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR CHUCK.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH...

THIS CHRISTIAN ORIENTED, GAY SENSITIVE CHURCH MEETS SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00pm AT 730 N. Tejon Street(ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH facilities). CALL 634-6186 FOR INFORMATION ON CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

NATIONAL NEWS...

GAY RIGHTS ISSUE FAILS IN LINCOLN, NEB...

A GAY RIGHTS AMENDMENT APPEARED HEADED FOR DEFEAT IN LINCOLN. EARLY RETURNS SHOWED THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE CITY CHARTER FAILING BY A WIDE MARGIN--78% AGAINST,22% FOR, WITH 35% OF ALL VOTES COUNTED. THE AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE PROTECTED HOMOSEXUALS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS. IT CALLED FOR THE WORDS "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" TO BE ADDED TO RACE, CREED, AND OTHER CATEGORIES PROTECTED FROM DISCRIMINATION UNDER CITY LAW.

SAVINGS & LOAN CATERING TO GAYS...

IN A RECENT ARTICLE, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NOTED THAT MOST SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATIONS DON'T STAGE ANNUAL MEETINGS IN GRECO-ROMAN MOVIE HOUSES, NOR SERVE POPCORN TO SHAREHOLDERS. HOWEVER, ATLAS SAVINGS & LOAN ISN'T LIKE MOST OTHERS. FOR ONE THING, IT CATERS TO HOMOSEXUALS.
ALTHOUGH IT POSTED A NET LOSS OF $94,000 IN ITS FIRST MONTH AND A HALF AFTER OPENING FOR BUSINESS LAST NOV. 16th, PAUL DUVAL, THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL OFFICER, SAID HE EXPECTED ATLAS TO BE PROFITABLE IN THE CURRENT QUARTER.
JOHN SCHMIDT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE S & L SAID THE IDEA OF A GAY SAVINGS & LOAN ORIGINATED BECAUSE OF WHAT HE CALLED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS IN ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS.

THE LOCAL SCENE...

GAY MINISTER WILL LEAVE DENVER...

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS THAT A METHODIST MINISTER WHO STIRRED UP CONTROVERSY WHEN HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE IS HOMOSEXUAL SAYS HE IS LEAVING COLORADO AND PROBABLY THE MINISTRY.
JULIAN RUSH, 45, SAID MONDAY(MAY 24th) HE HAS APPLIED TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR AN"APPOINTMENT TO EDUCATION" SO HE CAN TAKE A GRADUATE POSITION AT EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY IN EMPORIA, KANSAS.
MELVIN WHEATLEY JR., BISHIP OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE, SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT RUSH'S REQUEST BE APPROVED.
RUSH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GO INTO COUNSELING.
HIS REQUEST CAME JUST DAYS AFTER WHEATLEY WAS ABSOLVED BY REGIONAL METHODIST CHURCH OFFICIALS IN LOS ANGELES OF DOCTRINAL WRONGDOING IN APPOINTING RUSH TO ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN DENVER.
MEANWHILE, AT A UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE IN GLORIETA, N.M. BISHOP LOUIS SCHOWENGERDT SAID THAT "HOMOSEXUALITY IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SCRIPTURES. THEREFORE, IT IS WRONG TO ORDAIN A HOMOSEXUAL OR APPOINT A HOMOSEXUAL AS A PASTOR OF A LOCAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH." SCHOWENGERDT NOTED THAT HE SPOKE ONLY FOR HIMSELF.

MORE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS...

COURT FINDS LOOPHOLE FOR ALIEN GAYS TO ENTER U.S...

FOREIGNERS CANNOT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE UNITED STATES JUST BECAUSE THEY STATE THEY ARE HOMOSEXUALS, A FEDERAL JUDGED RULED IN SAN FRANCISCO RECENTLY.
THE DECISION BY U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE ROBERT P. AGUILAR, HAILED BY GAY ACTIVISTS AS A MAJOR VICTORY, EFFECTIVELY FORBIDS THE IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE FROM BARRING GAYS, BECAUSE OF A LOOPHOLE IN THE IMMIGRATION LAW.
THE JUDGE SAID THE INS CAN ONLY BAR GAYS WHO HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AS HOMOSEXUALS BY GOVERNMENT DOCTORS, A TASK WHICH THE DOCTORS HAVE REFUSED TO PERFORM SINCE 1979.
THE RULING CAME IN THE CASE OF 35 YR. OLD BRITISH JOURNALIST CARL HILL, WHO HAS BEEN CHALLENGING THE GOVERNMENT'S ADMISSION RULES FOR HOMOSEXUALS FOR THREE YEARS.
THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE RULED THAT ADMITTED HOMOSEXUALITY WAS NOT A SUFFICIENT GROUND FOR DENYING A VISITOR'S PERMIT TO A FOREIGNER.

(reported by W. Cooney)

PARAMILITARY GANG ATTACKS GAY RALLY IN MEXICO CITY...

JOHN KYPER OF THE GAY COMMUNITY NEWS, BOSTON, REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF ABOUT 50 YOUNG MEN ARMED WITH KNIVES, BASEBALL BATS, JUDO STICKS AND OTHER WEAPONS BRUTALLY ATTACKED A GAY RALLY IN MEXICO CITY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20th.
THE RALLY HAD BEEN SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN IN SUPPORT OF ROSARIO IBARRA(CLHARI) TO INAUGURATE THE CAMPAIGN OF THE GAY CANDIDATES FOR "DIPUTADO" RECENTLY NOMINATED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY.

Editor's Comment: Attacks on gays continue to occur, not only in other parts of the world, and the U.S., but right here in the Springs. Within the past month there have been at least three such attacks here, two involving persons leaving a local bar, and one involving cars parked outside a gay bar.

REAL JOY COMES NOT FROM EASE OR RICHES OR FROM THE PRAISE OF MEN, BUT FROM DOING SOMETHING WORTHWHILE.

Sir Wilfred Grenfell

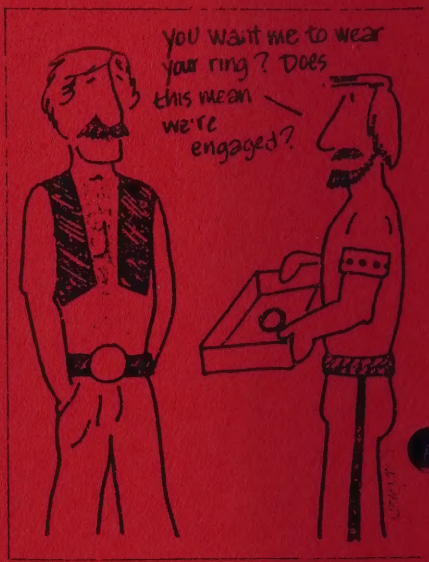
CORONATION DATE SET...

THE IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO HAS CHOSEN SATURDAY, JUNE 19th AT THE HOLIDAY INN, CENTRAL, 8th St. & HWY. 24.
THIS YEAR'S THEME: SHOWBOAT.
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CANDIDATES.
VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE CORONATION IN THE HOSPITALITY SUITE.
CONTACT TRACY OR KEITH FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CANDIDATES ON WORK WELL DONE.

TIME
IS

TOO SLOW FOR THOSE WHO WAIT,
TOO SWIFT FOR THOSE WHO FEAR,
TOO LONG FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE,
TOO SHORT FOR THOSE WHO REJOICE.
BUT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE
TIME IS ETERNITY.
HOURS FLY, FLOWERS DIE
NEW DAYS, NEW WAYS PASS
BY.
LOVE STAYS.



"IT'SH MY DAMN KIDSH AN' THEIR DOPE PROBLEM..."

ALCOHOLISM...A TREATABLE DISEASE

THE CARTOON ON THE LEFT OF THIS COLUMN WOULD BE SOMEWHAT HUMOROUS IF IT WEREN'T ALSO TRAGIC.
THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 9 MILLION ALCOHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES. HOW THEY LIVE THEIR LIVES SERIOUSLY AFFECTS MILLIONS OF OTHERS BECAUSE, CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, THEY ARE NOT HOMELESS DERELICTS. LIKE YOU AND ME, MOST ALCOHOLICS HAVE FAMILIES, HOMES, AND JOBS.
IN COLORADO, AT LEAST 277,000 PERSONS SUFFER ALCOHOL PROBLEMS. AT LEAST 2 to 4 OTHER PERSONS SUFFER ALONG WITH EACH ALCOHOL ABUSER.
NEARLY ONE-HALF OF ALL FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE STATE INVOLVE AT LEAST ONE DRINKING DRIVER. SOMETIME TWO.
OF THE 50,000 TRAFFIC DEATHS EACH YEAR IN THE U.S. 25,000 OF THESE ARE LINKED TO DRUNK DRIVERS! AN APPALLING STATISTIC.
ONE-HALF OF ALL DOMESTIC COURT CASES ARE ALCOHOL RELATED.
40% OF ADMISSIONS TO COLORADO STATE HOSPITALS ARE ALCOHOL RELATED.
COLORADO RANKS EIGHTH AMONG STATES IN PERSONS WITH ALCOHOL RELATED PROBLEMS PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION.
ALCOHOLISM AMONG GAYS HAS, AT TIMES, APPROACHED EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS!

IF YOU THINK OR KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM, GET HELP. CALL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AT 634-5020, or THE ALCOHOLISM INFORMATION CENTER AT 634-3487. YOU'LL BE DOING YOURSELF AND THOSE YOU LOVE A FAVOR.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER HAS RESERVED "LAZY LAND" IN PALMER PARK FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 20th FOR IT'S ANNUAL MEMBER AND FRIENDS PICNIC. TIME: NOON TIL 6:00pm. FOOD AND SOFT-DRINKS PROVIDED FREE TO CENTER MEMBERS. $2.00 FOR ALL OTHERS. TICKETS FOR THE EVENT WILL GO ON SALE THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE AND MAY BE OBTAINED AT ANY OF THE SUPPORT GROUPS. THERE ARE COVERED AREAS FOR EATING OR RELAXING, AS WELL AS A SOFT-BALL DIAMOND.

DON'T FORGET...

JUNE IS GAY PRIDE MONTH, AND THE WEEK OF JUNE 20th THRU THE 26th IS GAY PRIDE WEEK. EVENTS ARE BEING PLANNED BOTH HERE IN THE SPRINGS AND IN DENVER SO LOOK FOR POSTERS IN THE BARS AND AT MCC ANNOUNCING PLANS FOR THESE EVENTS. PARTICIPATE AND ENJOY!

THE ANNUAL JULY 4th PICNIC SPONSORED BY THE HIDE & SEEK IS UP COMING. LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION AS THE TIME DRAWS NEARER.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CAREER AND A JOB IS ABOUT TWENTY OR MORE HOURS A WEEK.

A FOOT IS A DEVICE FOR FINDING FURNITURE IN THE DARK.

YOU CANNOT PUSH ANYONE UP THE LADDER UNLESS HE IS WILLING TO CLIMB HIMSELF.

Andrew Carnegie

GAYSPEAK OFFERS ADVERTISING...

GAYSPEAK IS OFFERING DISPLAY ADS DUFING 1982. ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY AND SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN THE 25th OF THE MONTH PREVIOUS TO PUBLICATION. MAIL ART WORK WITH PAYMENT TO GAYSPEAK, P.O. 574, COLO. SPGS., CO 80901.

Size	1 month	3 months	6 months
2"x3½" (bus.card)	$ 5.00	$14.00	$25.00
3½"x3½"	$ 7.00	$19.00	$35.00
1/4 pg.	$15.00	$40.00	$75.00
1/2 pg.	$25.00	$65.00	$125.00
Full pg.	$50.00	$135.00	$260.00

OTHER HELPLINES IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION...

ALCOHOLISM INFORMATION CENTER... 634-3487
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS....634-5020
SUICIDE PREVENTION.....471-4357
TERROS.....471-4127
WOMEN'S HEALTH.....471-9492

WANT TO BREAK INTO PRINT???

DO YOU HAVE A GAY ORIENTED EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH COLORADO SPRINGS AND THE PIKES PEAK REGION? IF SO, PLEASE WRITE IT DOWN AND SEND IT TO GAYSPEAK, P.O. BOX 574, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80901 BY NO LATER THAN THE 25th OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION.

STD CLINIC...

THE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC(VD) IS LOCATED AT 501 N. FOOTE, JUST NORTH OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. IT OFFERS COMPLETE CONSULTATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT FOR A NOMINAL FEE. HOURS ARE: MONDAYS 1:30pm to 4:00pm; WEDNESDAYS 6pm to 8:30pm; FRIDAYS 9am to 11:30am. STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. MINORS EXAMINED AND TREATED WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT. DON'T CONTINUE TO GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING! HAVE A CHECK-UP TODAY!

Membership Application for Pikes Peak Gay Community Center.....

____$15.00(regular) ____$25.00(household) ____$60.00(sustaining)

____$35.00(institutional) ____$120.00(business)

I understand that any type of membership entitles me to voting privileges of the General Membership, that the membership list is confidential, and that all membership/donations are tax-deductible.

_____ _____
(Signature) (PRINT NAME for card)

_____Zip_____
(St. or box number) (City) (State)

Phone(home)_____ (work)_____ext._____

$_____total enclosed $5.00 non-member,newsletter only

ONE NITE ONLY

NATIONAL RECORDING STAR

SATURDAY - JUNE 26TH, 1982

TICKETS: $4.00 in advance
$5.00 at Door

SYLVESTER

THE HIDE & SEEK COMPLEX

512 W. Colorado Ave.
Colorado Springs
634-9303

Largest Gay Bar in the Rocky Mountain West

PPGCC
P.O. Box 574
Colorado Springs 80901

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED